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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9566**  
Akihiro Niki et al. : Docket No. 2002-0329A  
Serial No. 10/089,044 : Group Art Unit 1712  
Filed July 10, 2002 : Examiner Jeffrey Robertson  
  
THE USE OF THERMOPLASTIC : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**  
ELASTOMER, AND THE PRODUCTION  
METHOD THEREOF

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

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**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

Please replace the Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract consisting of a single sheet.